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H&W Center Again Heard by Zoning Commission

On Monday, June 14, the D.C. Zoning Commission made its decision on GWU's request to extend the hours and number of users of its Health & Wellness Center.

The Commission extended the closing hour to 11:30 p.m. daily. The center now closes at 10:00 p.m., Sunday-Friday, and 8:00 p.m. on Saturday.

New users were limited to student, faculty and staff of the Mount Vernon campus, the GWU Board of Trustees, and students, and faculty of the School Without Walls, but only under "organized and coordinated" conditions, not as individuals. Commissioner Anthony Hood suggested adding the Board of Trustees, a group not requested by GW. All others were refused, citing that they had no direct connection with the university and permitting them would allow it to become "a facility that wouldn't be permitted in this zone," said Chair Carol Mitten. However, they declined to allow the members of the GWU President's Club to join.

The university asked earlier this year to add about 1000 to those allowed to apply for membership, and that the hours be extended until 1:00 a.m. Sunday-Friday. A similar request in 2002 to extend the hours and add 3000 persons was denied by the Commission due to pending litigation regarding the Campus Plan. An earlier hearing was held May 13 at which the university proposed a new user list and again requested the later hours. The D.C. Office of Planning recommended a closing time of 11:30 p.m. and reminded the Commission that "the main purpose . . . is to provide facilities to GW students. . . ."

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The Last Word

By Ellie Becker

Yes, I get to have the last word—you have that power when you control the press! And since I've never been shy about putting fingers to a keyboard, I will take this last opportunity to share a few thoughts!

I. I love to write, and I have loved writing and getting this paper out. I can give myself a few pats on the back for helping to keep this a treasured urban neighborhood. To disavow that would be disingenuous. However, make no mistake: I have been at this for 15 years because I wanted to do it, but I have come to the point where that is no longer true.

II. I was glad to be active in the FBA as well, and I guess I am most proud that during my years as president we had some really cool and

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NCPC Debates Kennedy Center Plans

On Thursday, June 3, the National Capital Planning Commission considered and approved, in concept, the latest plans put forth by the Kennedy Center for its "access improvements, plans and buildings." A major point in the discussion was the recent addition of an amphitheater to the plaza to be built in front of the Center. While the concept for the plans was approved, the NCPC Chairman and others made statements against the amphitheater, making it likely it would again come up for discussion during the next two hearings on the plan.

Dorothy Miller quoted excerpts from the ANC resolution which pointed out that "successive project managers . . . appear to be oblivious to previous discussions, assertions and agreements," and asked that the ANC and other residents be given an opportunity to meet with the five agencies involved in the Center's plans. Her statement was accompanied by a number of letters from residents and resident-organizations.

Ellie Becker, also representing the ANC, was among those who spoke against the latest plans, stressing that scheduling

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FBA Meeting Hosts David Catania

The featured speaker at the June 28 meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association will be Councilmember-at-Large David Catania. Catania, one of two Republicans on the Council, will be making a welcome return visit to update residents on Council activities.

Councilmember Catania was elected to the Council in 1997, and chairs the Public Services Committee which has jurisdiction over the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, airports, employment services and other matters.

Jeffrey Sherman, Managing Partner of Trammell Crow Company, will bring the audience up to date on the Columbia Hospital condominium project, due to start construction this summer. He will also report on the company's success in attracting retail stores to the project, including a Trader Joe grocery store, reportedly close to "signing on the dotted line." He will also discuss the timing of the transfer of funds to the FBA's Defense and Improvement Corporation agreed to earlier.

Update

ZC Hears Square 37 Petition

By Ellie Becker

At a June 10 hearing, the D.C. Zoning Commission took up the request by James Pedas to rezone the south half of Square 37 to allow high-density (high-rise) development. Mr. Pedas owns a parking lot in that half-block, which also contains the West End Library, MPD's Special Operations Division's headquarters, as well as the Tiverton Apartments and two townhouses.

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FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION

MEETING

All Residents Welcome

Guest Speaker:

David Catania

D.C. Councilmember-at-Large

Monday, June 28, 2004

The Melrose Hotel

2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

7:30 p.m.

(Next meeting: Monday, September 27, 2004)

From the President



By FBA President
Ron Cocome

Here They Go Again

Our corporate university neighbor and some others inside our city government are meeting behind closed doors again—an unholy alliance and not to our benefit.

This time at stake is the use of the old hospital site. Some few months ago GWU issued Requests for Information from developers regarding this large and valuable property. We are now told that sometime last month the university issued Requests for Proposals to some of those developers.

When one of the developers raised community concern about the scope and use of this development, he was reportedly told that the community did not matter; only the Mayor mattered.

The university, we are told, wants to maximize the size and, certainly, the profit from the project. Surprise, surprise! The size is to be a million square feet, nearly twice as big as the structure torn down. The scope is commercial. Any such use will require zoning changes and must address standing environmental findings.

The outrageous behavior of the corporate university is not unlike that at Enron or any number of the worst of

American corporations. The sad difference here is the ability of GWU to hide behind non-profit protections, when as Mr. Trachtenberg himself has said that education is just a small part of their business activity. Far sadder still is the role of our elected home rule government.

Thirty years ago the demand for home rule centered on the need for an elected government that would protect rights of District residents. One specific complaint against the Federal city government was that so much of our land was being handed over to non-profits that any future tax base for the District was being destroyed. Well, the federal government was a piker in giving away our increasingly scarce and valuable real estate as compared to our own elected government.

We will not sit back and watch another back door deal benefit the university coffers at the expense of District taxpayers. The Council needs to deal with this serious concern by exercising its oversight responsibility to determine who in the District government met behind closed doors with the university and what was promised to that corporation.

Becker Beat



Why Not Us?

Just read an article in the District Weekly describing the proposed installation by the D.C. Department of Transportation of new streetlights in eight neighborhoods in the city. The story related that "67,000 antiquated or defective streetlights" will be replaced, some in areas which often experienced serious outages. The project, according to the article, follows meetings with the affected residents "to determine streetlight style and intensity."

Foggy Bottom residents are still wondering why this courtesy was not extended to them prior to the installation of the stadium intensity lights on Virginia Avenue.

And Foggy Bottom residents still await the changes to these lights, which were promised by the end of June.

No doubt a transfer of these lights would happily be made to any neighborhood suffering from the consequences of dark streets. What about it, DDOT?

Board To Be Elected June 28

The annual election of FBA officers and Executive Board members will take place at the June 28 meeting of the Association. It will be held at

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the Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue at 7:30 p.m.

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate: For President, Ron Cocome; for Vice President, Barbara Spillinger; for Secretary, Jill Nevius; for Treasurer, Bob Vogt; for Membership Director, Ed Gable; and for Executive Board Ellie Becker, Joe Chaplick, Eliza-

beth Elliott, Dawn Gustafson, Thalia Johnson, and Michael Malloy. All have served previously except for Jill Nevius.

Immediate Past President Jacqueline Lemire will continue to serve as a non-voting ex officio member; as will the next editor of the Foggy Bottom News. Outgoing Board members are Lucille Molinelli and Sol Shalit.

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Labor of Love At End

This issue of the Foggy Bottom News is the last to be edited by Ellie Becker. This is one of those times when words of thanks and appreciation are inadequate.

For many years and for countless hours the Foggy Bottom News has been Ellie's gift and labor of love to her neighbors and her community. Indeed, we remain a community through some threatened and troubled times because of the ties created by Ellie's Foggy Bottom News.

I am happy to report that she is seeking election to the Foggy Bottom Association Board at our June 28 meeting and so will remain an active and a vibrant member of our community for many more years.

The Foggy Bottom News will, of course, not be the same. However, it is the hope of the Association to continue the News in a reformatted form, delivered by mail to our members beginning, as usual, in September.

Ellie: I have not said it often enough—THANK YOU and bless you.

*Ron Cocome, President
Foggy Bottom Association*

Dear, dear Editor,

They say that no one is indispensable. We hope that is true, since we'd hate to think about a Foggy Bottom without an FBN. However, what is true is that a person can make a difference that is so great that it is hard to imagine comparable results in that person's absence. Foggy Bottom has been blessed, as have those of us who have worked with you from time to time on your labor of love. Now, we would all be shocked if you were not needling officialdom, Mr. Trachtenberg and our neighbors pretty much continuously from this point forward when they did not meet the needs and standards of Foggy Bottom, U.S.A.

But it is an appropriate time to say a great thundering "Thank you" for the difference you have made—so far.

Michael Thomas

Michael Thomas served as FBA President in 2000-2001.

I am indeed saddened to know that the Foggy Bottom News, under the leadership of Ellie Becker, comes to a close with this issue. I have been a longtime reader of the FBN, served on the FBA Board, assisted with circulation and, since February 2002, I also have been the Advertising Manager.

In these capacities, I have worked very closely with Ellie and know firsthand of her dedication and hard work in putting the Foggy Bottom News together—and for more than 15 years! She was not only the editor, but did most of the writing, coordinated/assisted with distribution and then did the billing and accounting! From October 2001, when the former ad manager died, she also took care of the ads! All this as a volunteer!

Ellie was completely dedicated to the Foggy Bottom News, and very reliable in meeting monthly deadlines.

She had a flair for writing and scouted the area for news, many times attending long sessions of the ANC and the Zoning Commission for up-to-date information. She liked writing; I liked doing the ads; thus we worked together very well! I had a lot of respect for her dedication, and her ability to accomplish so much.

I want to thank all the advertisers who supported the FBN. To Ellie, I want to say a very special "thank you for all your years of service for the Foggy Bottom News and our community! Of course, I will miss the monthly publication, and more so, I will miss our working together!"

*Rita V. Champagne
Advertising Manager*

Ed. note: Copying these messages into my computer for inclusion in the News gave me a sort of weird feeling, but a delightfully warm feeling too. So I am going to forget the "weird" and remember the "warm." Thanks so much.

*Ellie Becker
Foggy Bottom, U.S.A.*

WP Marks Decade on Virginia Avenue

Ten years ago, April 17, 1994, the people of Western Presbyterian Church walked from our old church at 1906 H Street down to our new home at 2401 Virginia Avenue. We give thanks to all in the neighborhood who have welcomed us so warmly over the past decade as well as the Foggy Bottom residents who attend or join Western.

Next year, we will celebrate our 150th year of ministry in Foggy Bottom. We will have festivities, highlighting both Western and Foggy Bottom history. In the meantime, we simply say thanks for the opportunity to live, move and have our being on Virginia Avenue for the past ten years. And if we can be of any service, please call on us.

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A House in Foggy Bottom

By Thomas Mallon

Because I often write about history, real and fictional, friends used to find it odd that my home had so little of it. During seven years in Westport, Connecticut, my partner and I lived in a small condominium that had been built in 1988. Its only apparent history was of the Martha Stewart kind: a sort of "look," old-fashioned, the result of clapboard siding, a wooden front porch, a couple of white columns.

Martha herself lived about a mile away. Everyone, including those who'd never seen her, called her by her first name and tended to delight in her recent troubles, even as they silently blessed her image for its contribution to property values throughout town. We did the same when we sold the condominium late last summer and headed to Washington, D.C.

There were all sorts of reasons for the move. Some of our closest friends were here, and so was half my subject matter. The city's history had given me two novels, and as we got ready to move, I was catching the first mental glimpses of a third. My Brigham Young moment—*This is the place!*—had come a year earlier, when I spent a weekend in a hotel on New Hampshire Avenue in Foggy Bottom. I was across from a row of those brightly colored,

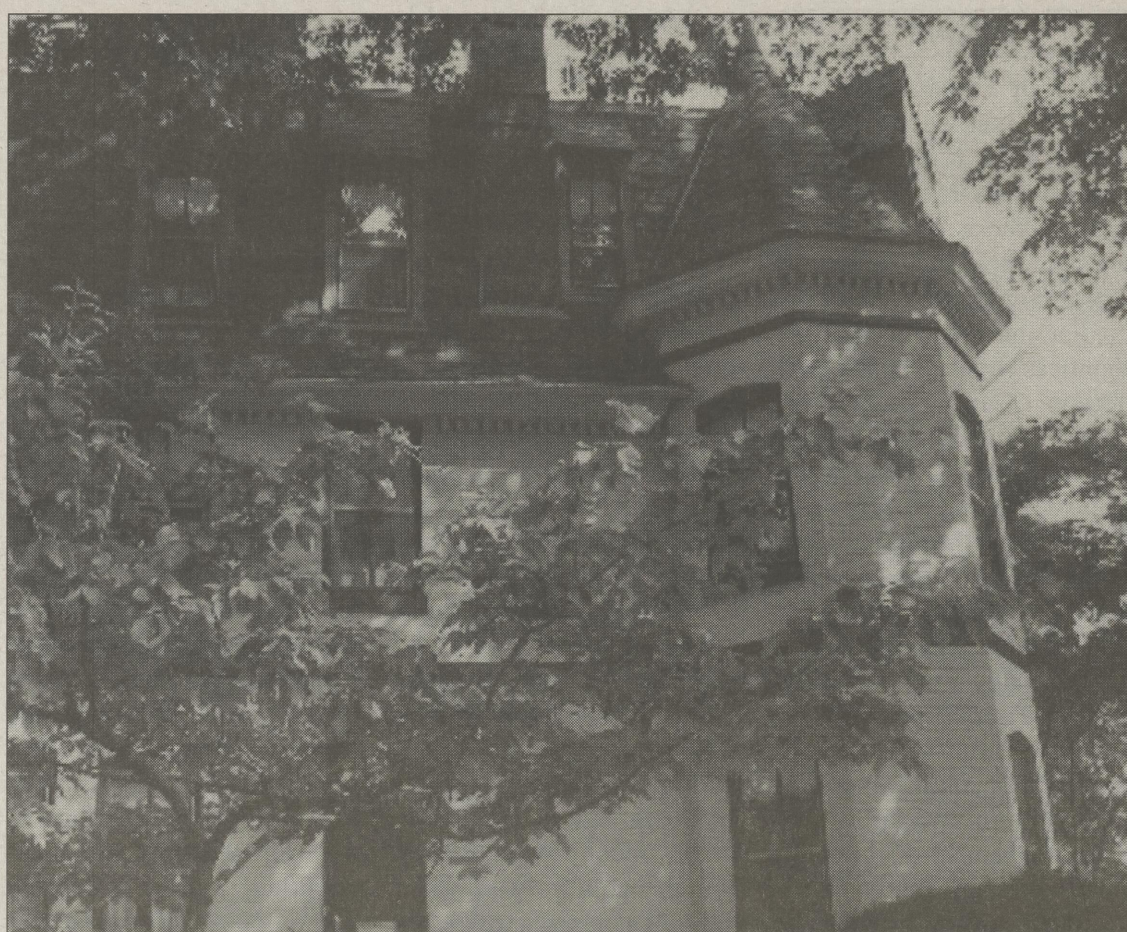
if impossibly tiny, houses that make up, amid the loomings of academe and government and modern apartment buildings, the neighborhood's snug, tenacious Historic District.

I knew more about Foggy Bottom's past than its present, having written a book set here in the year 1877, when astronomers at the old naval observatory succeeded, against nearly laughable odds, in discovering the two moons of Mars. The scientists' presence in the neighborhood could be counted an early instance of bad government planning. The observatory had been placed in the capital's most swampy, malarial, and fogbound district, and on many nights there was no point in even opening up the dome: like the alley-dwelling laborers of the "Bottom," the astronomers just tried to keep their noses shut to the smelly river mists and industrial vapors.

In the spring of 2002, a century and a quarter after the observatory's Martian miracle, the neighborhood I was walking through could hardly have seemed more salubrious or stimulating. But could the two of us really live in one of those Lilliputian houses along New Hampshire or Twenty-fifth?

In 2003 We Got Lucky

A year later, we got lucky: a larger, yellow-brick house at the northeast corner of Twenty-fifth and H came on the market. Here was a structure that, in 1982, the Foggy Bottom-West End Historic Architecture Survey had pronounced a "major compo-



nent" of the neighborhood and "the grandest among the remaining original buildings" of its time—though it will tell you something about the scale of things here that the house commanding these lofty compliments is all of 1,449 square feet, not much more than a walk-in closet for the newest McMansions in Westport.

But its six small rooms on three narrow floors could, we realized, work for us, so long as we put the living room one flight up (very old-fashioned this) and I assembled my study in the third-floor turret, whose dormer looks out on the Watergate and the Kennedy Center, those competing monuments, as I'm not the first to note, to the men who faced off in the 1960 election. This was the first great political event I can fully remember, perhaps the one that set me on a path toward making fiction about American history and politics. From the moment I climbed the stairs and walked into the turret, I liked the view.

In 1960, the current vista could not have been imagined. Someone writing about the house that spring noted its command of "an unsurpassed view of the Potomac and the hills of Virginia beyond." Lovely, I suspect, but only if the eye were successful in ignoring an awful lot between. For the first half of the twentieth century, my house—as I quickly determined to make it—had stood close to the

giant Heurich Brewery, the local gasworks, and all the laundries and warehouses that had replaced what the neighborhood's chief historian, Suzanne Sherwood Unger, calls its "nuisance industries"—late nineteenth-century operations ranging from the Clapp Ammonia Company to the Godey Lime Kilns. As Unger points out, things wouldn't change in the direction of the more refined and residential until the arrival of the State Department at its new headquarters (1947) and the dismantling of the gas tanks (1954).

Ms. Rodeck Made the House First Class

Struck by all the history this house had witnessed and survived, I had to admit that its interior was as much of a historical cheat as the ornamental frills on my Westport condominium. In 1960, Melita Rodeck, an architect who had come to the United States from Austria, purchased 801 Twenty-fifth Street, N.W.; just as Nixon and Kennedy squared off be-

fore the voters, she set about making the house into what one local admirer called "a first-class example of mid-20th century functionalism," complete with central air-conditioning, a space-age kitchen, and bathrooms on all three floors.

Miss Rodeck made her home here for the next forty-three years, putting the tall, narrow house back on the market only as she neared ninety and needed to exchange its two flights of stairs for more level surroundings. She preferred to sell to someone who would live in it and appreciate its surroundings. She did not want, I knew, to sell to an investor. And so, along with our bid, I sent her a copy of *Two Moons*, hoping the novel's local color would reassure her, just as I later asked if she would sign one of the blueprints she'd drawn in 1960 so that we might frame it and honor her as the house's rescuer. Even so, I winced when I overheard her tell my real estate agent that the closing, which took place

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the day after Hurricane Isabel tore through Washington, was like a funeral to her. . . .

When I got the deed to this house on Lot 47, Square 29, I saw a reference to "John Paul Jones and others' subdivision." I imagined myself residing on land that had been a reward to the sailor's heirs for his early services to the Republic—until a more careful reading of the document made me realize that this John Paul Jones was a latter-day namesake who had participated in subdividing the original Lot 1, a part of which is now Lot 47, more than a century after the Revolution.

Oh, well. The early federal days of Foggy Bottom—its time, in the words of one historian, as "a section of swamps and flats," with "a free and easy population, as full of feuds as the Tennessee mountaineers"—interested me less than its no-nonsense transition from the nineteenth to the twentieth. This was the period when my own house rose amid the neighborhood's nuisance industries and the various ethnicities charted by Unger: the Irish who toiled in the gasworks, the Germans who manned the breweries, the African-Americans who labored for whoever would take them on.

Locating the House's Footprint

I managed to locate the house's "footprint"—the pleasingly anthropomorphic term of art—on a diagram in the Hopkins real estate atlas of 1892. Five years earlier, on the same lot, there had been three frame buildings owned by a C.C.M. Loeffler, a clerk in the War Department, but the color coding in the 1892 book shows a brick house whose small inked shape makes clear that it's mine. Even at the real estate closing, we'd believed the house to have been built in 1900, but a search through the building permits in the Dis-

trict's Martin Luther King Library, followed by a trip to the National Archives, confirms that Charles E. Burden filed his wax-paper plan for 801 Twenty-fifth and the surrounding houses on February 14, 1890, the year the census announced the disappearance of the American frontier line. . . .

I liked the Foggy Bottom legend that my house was part of a cluster whose "vernacular design elements"—the "bellcast roofs, lancet windows, Flemish gables, and peaked lintels" catalogued in the neighborhood's application to the National Register of Historic Places—had been built specifically for the workers in the Heurich Brewery, just across Virginia Avenue. But once I knew the house was from 1890, not 1900, things didn't add up. In 1890, the brewery was five fairly long blocks away, on Twentieth Street; Heurich didn't open it on Twenty-fifth until 1895, two years after his old facility caught fire.

And even if, as the National Register application states, the late-nineteenth-century "buildings that comprise this historic district are the legacy of the German and Irish communities that coexisted in Foggy Bottom for many years," they became, very quickly after their construction, homes to the African-American population that dominated the neighborhood during the first half of the twentieth century. Around 1900, Unger notes, the "increased use of rail service diminished the importance of the [Chesapeake & Ohio] canal and river to local business. Coal consumption declined as customers switched to gas and oil. Foggy Bottom's lack of rail connections placed it in a poor position to compete with the Northeast railroad yards, and a number of businesses moved or closed. Many Foggy Bottom residents moved also, following jobs to other locations."

The increasingly undesirable neighborhood, including many of those houses with the German vernacular touches, was left to the black working poor.

My own house, once I had a look at the 1900 census, proved to be a case in point. A decade after being built, it was tenanted by ten members of the Burdd family: Ruben Burdd, his wife Hannah, and their four unmarried children, along with Clifford Burdd (probably Ruben's married son), his wife Sadie, and their two sons. Ruben Burdd, unable to read and write, worked as a day laborer, while Clifford, who was literate, had employment as a waiter. Ten years later, the Burdds had been replaced by John and Mary Swann, a laborer and a laundress; their five children (among them Clarence, thirteen, already at work "setting ten pins"); and five in-laws, including a domestic, a carpenter, a cook, and a porter.

Onward & Upward Movement Absent

The house may have been full to bursting with life and striving, but outside there was a grim absence of the onward and upward. As Constance McLaughlin Green makes clear in her two-volume history of Washington, published forty years ago: "For Negroes the satisfactions of life in the capital diminished steadily after 1878." Enforcement of municipal and congressional protections that had been enacted during Reconstruction now relaxed to the point where "by the end of the 1880s Negroes in the District were adhering to the social pattern common in the deep South." . . .

A 1944 survey, cited by Unger, found that in "the triangle bounded by Virginia and New Hampshire Avenues and 23rd Street . . . one quarter of the buildings had no water, 55 percent had no inside toilet." About 20 percent lacked electricity. . . .

Foggy Bottom Changed in the 1950s

Writing in the June 1959 newsletter of the Foggy Bottom Restoration Association, Rhea Radin recalls, with perhaps too much satisfaction, how just five years earlier "the dregs of the former population used to congregate with floating crap games in

the summer and their bonfires in the winter." Ms. Radin, who sold renovated houses in the neighborhood, mentions that once things did their quick change, "the term Foggy Bottom was no longer a slur (in fact, I even had gone so far as to refer to us as Fond de Brume in my advertisements)." She pronounces "the gay little painted houses to be "a substantial improvement over the mementos of ashes and broken glass that menaced the legs and lives of ourselves and our pets."

What's now my own house lagged behind this 1950s trend. Throughout much of the decade, Mrs. Louise Perry managed to call the rapidly deteriorating place home. Between her death and the arrival of Melita Rodeck, the city directory lists the property as vacant. In May of 1960, the Foggy Bottom News reported to its readers on just how bad things had been inside the neighborhood's "Charles Addams House":

"Those who borrowed a key from [the real estate agent] and entered cautiously found a shambles—rotted out floors, plaster falling off walls and ceilings, stairways narrow, creaky, and uncertain, and cobwebs everywhere. All three floors were served by a shabby, rusty bathroom squeezed into a former hall bedroom after outdoor facilities were no longer legal."

Living and Working Here

These days I'm up in the third-floor turret writing my novel about the troubled romance between two young men, Timothy Laughlin and Hawkins Fuller, working in Washington during the early 1950s. When I want to escape from the book, or the clatter of

renovations (we're replacing Miss Rodeck's space-age kitchen with something more modern), I'll get out on my bicycle across the Potomac or just enjoy the return of my life as a walker, stolen from me by the automobile during those seven years in Connecticut. Throughout these first months in Washington, out of sheer pedestrian pleasure, I've found myself prolonging on-foot errands, many of them accomplished at the now somewhat antiquated-looking Watergate, which still has everything from a bank to a post office to an old-fashioned barbership. (If it's good enough for Bob Dole, it's good enough for me.)

I can't tell you why, or exactly when, it came to me that the last days of Fuller and Laughlin's romance, just before one of them betrays the other, played out inside this abandoned house. But that's what I feel certain of now. If I've at last moved into a house with history, I realize that history, or at least historical fiction, has also moved in with me. My characters have taken up residence here at Twenty-fifth and H. I can tell you honestly that I've passed them on the stairs, seen them as the sort of silent, planar apparitions my mother sometimes suffers as a symptom of her Parkinson's disease. Soon, with any luck, these two young men will have a third dimension and deeper coloring; and they'll be talking. I'm glad they're here, but—however many Burdds and Swanns it once held—this house is not big enough for Laughlin and Fuller. And the only way to secure their eviction will be to put it in writing.

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The Foggy Bottom Diner

By Jim Patterson

600 Restaurant at the Watergate

This restaurant's name is the same as its address, almost. The location is 600 New Hampshire Avenue, just across the street from the Kennedy Center.

Ms. Linda McIntyre, 600's Director of Operations, is a busy woman with a pleasant personality and a strong desire to serve her customers. "Our menu is American with a hint of French cuisine," McIntyre said of 600's menu. Customers will enjoy a menu that offers popular chicken, beef, and seafood dishes. Vegetarian diners will enjoy fresh salads and vegetable/pasta dishes. "Diners must try our filet mignon and rack of lamb," McIntyre said of 600's specialties. She knows she'll make regular customers of diners who taste these tantalizing dishes.

On my recent visit, I was greeted and seated in the sun-filled spacious dining room. For my appetizer, I enjoyed smoked salmon with chopped onions, toast, capers, and sour cream. As most of you know, I love smoked salmon and eat it at every opportunity. 600's, priced at \$9, was delicious, but I suggest they raise the price to \$15 and put more salmon on the plate.

For soup I selected the lobster bisque, which was served just right. It was a good-sized serving and deliciously tasty to the last spoonful. Diners will find it a very satisfying soup, and it's priced at only \$15.

I found the chicken marsala, \$22, too tempting to pass up for my entree. The three chicken breasts were served with mushrooms, tasty sauce, mashed potatoes and fresh green beans with almond shavings. It was an ample dish, almost more than I could eat. It is served just right and I suggest you try it on your next visit.

Is 600 a popular Watergate restaurant? Famous diners include Placido Domingo,

U.S. Senator John Warner, President Bush's National Security Adviser Condi Rice, both the Doles, and television personality Henry Winkler.

600 is the restaurant of choice for hundreds of Kennedy Center theater-goers. McIntyre suggests diners allow an hour and a half for pre-theatre meals. Due to the quick service, patrons will usually finish their meals in less time. I can testify the food is excellent and service is very prompt.

The next time you visit the Kennedy Center, take time to enjoy a fine meal at 600 Restaurant. I think you'll enjoy it as much as I do. Make your reservations by calling 337-5890. By the way, be sure to tell your waiter you're dining there at the recommendation of Jim—the Foggy Bottom Diner.

Thanks to my readers for your support and advice over the years. My final dining recommendation is to enjoy a meal at your favorite Foggy Bottom restaurant today.

Jim Patterson is a writer and critic.

Local Office Treats Vision & Learning Problems

Have you ever wondered, as this writer did, what goes on in that large office on the first floor of the Diplomat Building at Columbia Plaza? If so, here is the answer. It is The Vision & Conceptual Development Center which is dedicated to helping children and adults who have vision and learning problems. The majority of those they serve are children. The office employs 12 therapists, both full-time and parttime.

Treated by the therapists are persons with vision problems of all kinds, such as crossed eyes, lazy eyes and myopia. They also work with patients who are severely or mildly autistic, and those

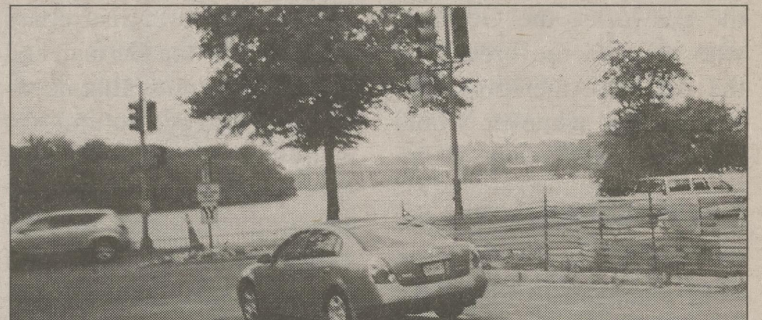
who suffer from a long list of learning disabilities, including problems of cognition. They use a variety of therapies, and can be seen working with flip charts, flash cards, blocks, balls, a small teeter-totter and other testing and therapeutic devices.

The director is Dr. Harry Wachs, who has written several books, and is a professor at both Catholic and George Washington universities. He also consults with the National Football League testing the cognitive skills of potential players, who need to be able to mentally transpose plays from paper to the field. The Center has been located at Columbia Plaza since 1991.

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outdoor concerts on the plaza violated promises made in the past by the Center. She stated that "the Center can make multiple statements that performances would not be heard in the nearby residences, but that is absolute fantasy."

She also spoke about Center's plans offering little respite to its patrons' traffic on Foggy Bottom streets, and asked for two immediate changes: "the re-opening of the access ramp to the Center from the Potomac Freeway (even on a temporary basis), and the authorization and implementation [by the Park Service] of left turns on to F Street at its signaled intersection



with Rock Creek Parkway at the north end of the Center. . . . Think of it," she said, "there is no access currently nor in the long-range plans for traffic coming from northwest Washington. Do they think no one from that area frequents the Center?"

In the NCPC Executive Director's Recommendations, there was language concerning the "potential connection of I Street westward to the waterfront, and the re-establishment of 26th and 27th Streets north of Virginia Avenue." As a homeowner at 26th and I Streets, Ms. Becker registered her dismay at such plans. These and "the development of mixed-use buildings immediately north and northwest of the project area" allegedly are being promoted by the D.C. Office of Planning. A representative of local real estate agent Dale Barnhard endorsed development on the area north of the Watergate, including Square 17, a comment causing Ms. Becker to remind the audience that those plans would mean tearing down her Square 17 house.

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The Last Word (GW Section)

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From: EB, FBUSA

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2500 More?

Is it true? There will be over 2500 freshmen in the fall? The second largest freshman class! You must be so proud of yourself!

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But, glory be, how about the "unnice" ones? They, abetted by some nice and some unnice investors, are turning parts of FB into a high-priced slum, occupied by seeming adults who have little respect for authority, for a working neighbor's peace and quality of life, and less for the property for which they pay outlandish rents.

And the latest: a GW professor whose trash was found in someone else's yard and who sent the police when the property owner called to politely ask him about it!

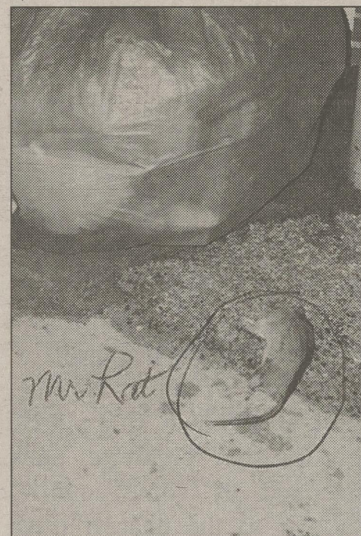
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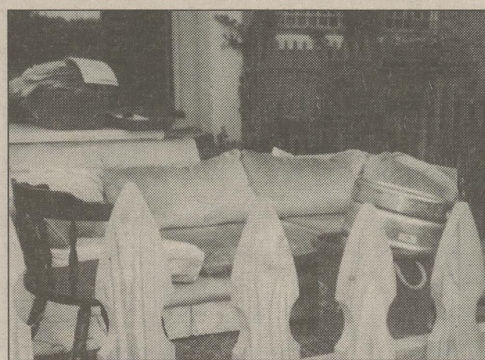
vate employer in D.C. Impressive, but does that transfer to real economic advantage to us? Yes, your students and personnel spend some dollars on food and other merchandise. But does GW itself buy its supplies from D.C. companies? How many employees, especially those in upper-income brackets, pay D.C. income taxes? And can you really call it an advantage when D.C. loses real estate, hotel and tourists' sales taxes from what are now known as City Hall and HOVA?

And can you really say GW is a welcome guest when its expansionist policies result in scenes like these we witness over and over again?

Glory Be, please deliver us!!



A rat investigating long-standing garbage killed by stray cat



Kegs and couches inhabit a small front yard



"Stolen" artwork adorns student housing



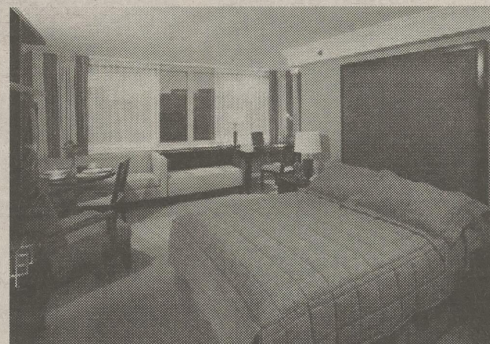
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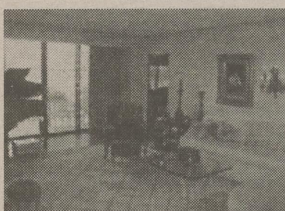
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First, the mail carriers, shown in the group photo taken at the Ward Place station, where all of Foggy Bottom/West End's mail is sorted for distribution. From there, "neither rain nor snow . . ." off they go.

Pictured are: Shon Hughes who serves Columbia Plaza; Phyllis Luckey, 3 Washington Circle, K St. and Pennsylvania Avenue; Henry "Mike" White, 900 blocks of 26th & 25th Streets; Sylvia Fisher, St. Mary's Court and Potomac Plaza Terraces; Larry Aulton, 2400 block of M; Wes



Thomas, 2400 & 2500 blocks of Eye Street; and Mario Bowman, Tech 6, sub for many of these carriers on their days off. (Details of the routes are abbreviated.) Valerie Jackson, who delivers on L Street, was not in this photo.

John Lawrence, above, has the 800 block of 25th Street route, as well as part of the Watergate. Douglas Tyler also delivers in the Watergate. Reginald Chew is from Collections and can be seen emptying various mail boxes in the neighborhood.



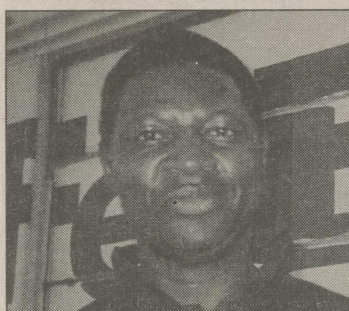
And at the Watergate station: Kelly Reed, Tre' Smith (above) and Jackie Simmons handle customers at the Watergate Post Office.

Our friendly Fed-X driver is Glenis Cole, whose origins in Sierra Leone account for his lovely accent. Another driver, who works a later shift, is Joe Shaw. Earlier we featured Rob and Robbie, the UPS drivers. Don Finley also delivers for UPS.

Our apologies to all those who wend their way through our streets who inadvertently were not included in this article. They all have my admiration in both cold and icy weather and on Code Orange days!

You Can't Beat Silver and General Type

This is a testimonial from a grateful editor to the two companies who took my words and Rita's ads and transformed them into a more than acceptable-looking newspaper. They were mentioned last month: Silver Communications in Sterling, Virginia, where eight or twelve pieces of film become a newspaper. I share with Sterling Silverman the long-ago experience of hot-type printing (my, does that date us!), and have valued his help with the News for more years than I can remember.



The other is General Typographers, located out New York Avenue, which produces galleys of type and then a superb layout with professional attention and care. But GT can produce an incredible variety of projects, from projects like ours to thousand-page documents, to banners and signs and huge posters. For example, the large sign in the parking area of Potomac Plaza Cooperative Apartments is one of theirs. I will hazard a guess that if it involves any kind of printing on almost any medium, they can make it happen.

I will miss working with them both; they have become my friends as well as colleagues.

Remember them when you are working on projects up their alleys!

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interesting speakers, including a very special mayoral campaign debate.

III. I'm not going away, and I still have in mind some projects and causes. I want to encourage and solicit the following:

a. A volunteer to pursue Wayfarer signs in our area, especially at the Metro station. It is so heavily used by tourists, and directional and welcome signs would show us to be Friendly Foggy Bottom. A city organization has been working on this elsewhere, but we need a valiant advocate to get the job done here. How about someone lending a hand and getting this done?

b. And perhaps we could find a coordinator to make appropriate use of the old fireboxes. Another organization is working on these and would provide info and advice to make these memorable.

c. I want to see established a FB network of neatniks, tidy teams of "unlitterers" who will take on sprucing up our streets, sidewalks and tree spaces on a regular basis. Do we have folks who might, once a month, don a Foggy Bottom T-shirt so all will know it's a community effort, bring out a Pik-Stik, big plastic bag, rake and broom, and make a miracle? You need only take on one block; what a difference you could make!

And in the meantime, pick up that can, that plastic bottle, that cigarette pack dropped by some lowlife, take it to the nearest trash can, and then wash your hands before you eat!

d. Perhaps we could establish a committee to coordinate citizen efforts to correct problems in the city. The idea: if you spot a problem, report it to 727-1000, but then let the committee know what has been done so follow-through can be coordinated. We could have a streets person, a tree person, a trash person, etc. (This may be more than a couple of people want to take on, but it could make such a difference in making our city respond to our needs.) What do you think? Any volunteers?

IV. My dearest wish and hope is to reinvent the old Foggy Bottom Association, to accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative. Let's keep up the efforts to contain the university, and to mitigate its impact, vigorously and effectively, but without the loud, repetitive rhetoric we've all heard all too often. Make it deeds not words, backed by leadership, funds, and home-grown or professional talent.

Let's take on more projects like the Farmers Market (go, Jackie!); maybe sporadic small-scale cookouts and other small socializing events, e.g., encouraging residents to invite nearby neighbors for an ice cream social, thus re-establishing neighborliness. And why not have an occasional party after an FBA meeting, with the hotel bringing in some snacks and putting on a CD or two for atmosphere? With all the talent in FB/WE, other ideas must be out there!

That last words are: Let's accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative!!

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Theater Trips Blossom This Summer

Three trips to attend theater productions are being planned by Foggy Bottom organizations this summer, and will provide convenient and interesting one-day diversions from the summer doldrums.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church is planning a trip on Thursday, August 19, to see "Damn Yankees" at the Three Little Bakers Dinner Theater in Wilmington, Delaware. The cost is \$70 per person, and includes lunch at 12:00 noon and a performance at 2:00 p.m. The bus will depart St. Mary's, 723 23rd Street, at 8:30 a.m. and return about 7:30 p.m.

Please call 301-420-8176 or 202-333-3985; reservations and payment due by July 23.

Encore, the tour company run by Foggy Bottom resident Marilyn Rubin, is inviting residents to support the Columbia Plaza Tenants Association and enjoy summer theater performances on two dates this summer.

The first is on Sunday, July 25, for a trip to Allenberry Playhouse to see "West Side Story" and enjoy the fine food offered at this mountain resort in Pennsylvania. Then on Sunday, August 29, the performance will be "George M," also at Allenberry. The cost for each day is \$88, and the proceeds will benefit the tenants' lawsuit against GWU and the Columbia Plaza owners. Call 223-1259 for information and reservations.

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A panel of experts testified for the developer, citing his wish to bring the zoning "into conformity with the Comprehensive Plan" which mandates high-density residential. The owners of the Tiverton and one of the townhouses testified in favor of the proposal.

The developer's experts were counteracted by a substantial number of residents of the Tiverton and of the Gibson condominium, just north of the parking lot, as well as by a representative of TENAC, a tenants' rights organization. The ANC and the Foggy Bottom Association also weighed in supporting the residents of the square. The Tiverton tenants fear the loss of their rental building, "perhaps the last or one of the last low-to-moderate income buildings in the area." Owners in the Gibson object to losing light and air on the south, after losing it on the east to the much higher Ritz-Carlton. One witness described her fear of the letter B, standing for "Big Box Buildings." Another repeated the adage that "Consistency (in this case conformity with the Comp Plan) is the hobgoblin of small minds." ["The actual Emerson statement is 'Foolish consistency . . .,' even more apt in this case," said FBA's Elizabeth Elliott.]

The D.C. Office of Planning recommended several options to rezoning the entire block. The Zoning Commission will make a decision at a subsequent hearing, probably sometime this summer.

Quotable Quotes from the Square 37 Hearing

"We looked into hiring a lawyer, but we couldn't find one that hasn't worked for Pedas." *Tod Sherbadow, The Gibson.*

"The only reason there would be no negative impact on traffic is because there's no such thing as a 'G' rating." *Keri Culver, The Tiverton. [An F rating is as high as traffic measurements go and FB/WE has an F rating.]*

"Mr. Williams [Pedas' zoning consultant], if this is such a small sliver of the neighborhood, why is it important that it be consistent?" *Kevin Hildebrand, Zoning Commissioner.*

"I wish they'd bring some of this development into my neighborhood!" *Anthony Hood, Zoning Commission Vice Chair.*

Thanks to Deborah Akel of the Tiverton.

Hughes Mews House Wins Approval

The D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment has approved the latest plans for Sid Rasekh's house on the lot behind 935 26th Street in the historic Hughes Mews area. The house is to be three stories, and was granted a variance to exceed the usually-required lot occupancy requirements. The house was opposed by neighbors and preservationists as out of character (size and design-wise), but gained ANC approval when the height was lowered from the original design.

2501 Penn Sold to Condo Developer

The building at 2501 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., has been sold by Fairfield Resorts to a new owner who plans to convert it to luxury condominiums. The new owner is John Mason who plans large units, reportedly only two per floor. Fairfield Resorts had announced plans earlier to use the building for time-share apartments. It has historic landmark designation, and is directly across 25th Street from the Columbia Hospital project.

Foggy Bottom Folks

A couple of months ago a young man named Jack made his appearance in the neighborhood, delighting his parents **Richard and Tina Donnell**. He now is firmly entrenched in a small house on Eye Street, with his parents, both of whom are attorneys.

Nearby are newly-moved-in **Todd and Karina Raposecci** who hail from Atlanta. Todd's an electrical engineer, and Karina works for the Centers for Disease Control.

Graham Long has been sworn in as the new commissioner for ANC-2A06. Graham is a GW student, and his Single Member District includes the site of the old GW Hospital, surely a major future focus for him. Also, **Sherri Kimbel** is now on board as Staff Assistant for the Commission.

Richard Price recently journeyed to Pittsburgh for

the awarding of a special recognition of his longtime friend, **Walter Anderson**, who died in November. The American Symphony Orchestra League bestowed its Gold Baton award on the late music professor, concert pianist, organist and composer.

Reverend **Heike Miller** conducted her first German service at The United Church on June 6, and also assisted at the English service on Pentecost. She served congregations in the Heidelberg, Strassburg and Offenburg areas in Germany, and in Edinburgh, Scotland. In San Juan, Puerto Rico, she was involved in a religious education ministry for the U.S. military community. Then in 2002 she followed her American-born husband, George, to San Antonio, Texas, where he worked for the U.S. government. The couple moved into the historic parsonage during the last week in May.

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The ANC's Findings of Fact statement stated that GW "never intended to conform . . . to the Order," and that the "continuous quest to change the original Order borders on harassment." It also included comments by former ANC Chair Barbara Spillinger who said the "fact that the university now says it is under-utilized and they want to expand it and open it up is just another example of the university's consistent habit of saying one thing to gain initial approval of a project and then attempting to change the ground rules. . . ."

Don Kreuzer, who owns three houses now towered over by a 700-bed dorm and very close to the Center, submitted a statement in opposition, asking the Commission to "enforce your [1998] Order and the carefully and specifically drafted conditions therein." He also stated that GW's "challenge to the very conditions that it agreed to is further testament to GW's systematic piecemeal approach to breaking down the zoning requirements to continue construction at the rapid rate that has crippled Foggy Bottom." The Commission declined to add his filing to the record on the basis that he does not "have standing."

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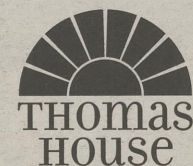
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Mark Your August Calendar

Again this year the MPD is sponsoring the annual "National Night Out" on Tuesday, August 3, to focus attention on crime prevention. The get-together will be held in the 500 block of 22nd Street (between Virginia Avenue and F Street), and will feature music, refreshments and a cookout. Participating will be officers from the Second District and PSA 207, as well as the campus police.

Last year the weather cooperated, and a large group of residents and law enforcement officials enjoyed food and fellowship at tables in the middle of 22nd Street. (It is a cinch to close a street when the police are the hosts of the party!) Let's hope the weather again is conducive to residents and our police force getting to know each other.

The party will be held from 4:00-7:00 p.m. GW, Riverside Liquors and CVS are supplying "necessaries" for the event.

Neighborhood Datebook

Monday, June 28: A Celebration of **Edith Piaf**, featuring a talk by Professor Joan Keefe, and songs by Simone Marchand. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$16; members \$12; 7:00 p.m.**

Monday, June 28: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, with Councilmember at Large **David Catania** as the featured speaker. **Jeffrey Sherman** of Trammel Crow Company will also attend to update residents on the Columbia Hospital condominium project. Elections for FBA officers and Executive Board will take place as well. All residents welcome and encouraged to attend. Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m.*

Wednesday, June 30: Arts Club celebrates Washington composers, featuring **Davey Yarborough** and his Jazz Band performing the music of John Philip Sousa and Duke Ellington. \$15, including lunch. Info/reservations: 331-7282, ext. 16, by June 29. 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 13: "Portraits and Politics: **Photographs from the Front Lines of History**," featuring Karen Ballard describing images she captured in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Persian Gulf. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$16; members \$12. 7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, July 14: Explore Theater, featuring "lunchtime look-in" at the award-winner musical "**The Producers**" and discussion with the artists. \$10. 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. #

Tuesday, July 20: dcArtistry: **tap and drum**, featuring a blend of swing, jazz, blues, latin, hip-hop and step dancing. The group places emphasis on improvisation and tap in its purest form. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$20; members \$15. 7:00 p.m.**

Tuesday, July 21: Slide presentation by Ralph Rucci, nominated for Women's Wear **Designer of the Year**, sharing his personal thoughts on style and the importance of individuality. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$20; members \$15. 7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, July 21: Foggy Bottom/West End **Advisory Neighborhood Commission** meeting. Tentative location: State Plaza Hotel, 2116 F Street, N.W. Info: 736-1775. 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 25: Columbia Plaza Tenants/Encore trip to Allenberry Playhouse for summer stock performance of "**West Side Story**." Allenberry is a mountain resort with good food and first-rate theatrical productions. Proceeds will benefit Columbia Plaza Tenants' lawsuit against GWU and CP owners. Info/reservations, 223-1259. \$88.*

Wednesday, July 28: "New Manners for New Times: An Evening with **Letitia Baldrige**." The leading authority on manners provides a personal look at new manners to adopt, old manners to discard, and "the few manners we must cling to for dear life." Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$15; members \$12. 7:00 p.m.**

Monday, August 2: "**Enhancing Lifestyles**," presented by Elizabeth Mayhew, Style Director for REAL SIMPLE magazine. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$15; members \$12. 7:00 p.m.**

Tuesday, August 3: The Foggy Bottom "**National Night Out**," an annual observance by police officers all over the country, is scheduled for the 500 block of 22nd Street (between Virginia Avenue and F Street). Hosting the "block party" will be officers from MPD's PSA 207 and the GW Campus Police. Featured will be music and refreshments, as well as a cookout. Supplies are being donated by Riverside Liquors, CVS and GW. 4:00-7:00 p.m.*

Wednesday, August 18: Foggy Bottom/West End **Advisory Neighborhood Commission** meeting. Tentative. Info: 776-1775. 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 19: St. Mary's Episcopal Church all-day trip to see "**Damn Yankees**" at Three Little Bakers Dinner Theater, Wilmington, Delaware. Info/reservations: 301-420-8176 or 202-333-3985. \$70.*

Sunday, August 29: Columbia Plaza Tenants/Encore trip to Allenberry Playhouse for performance of "**George M.**" (See July 25). \$88.*

Tuesday, September 14: Foggy Bottom/West End **Advisory Neighborhood Commission** meeting. Tentative location: State Plaza Hotel, 2116 F Street, N.W. Info: 776-1775. 7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 27: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Program to be announced. 7:30 p.m.

*See article elsewhere in this issue.

**Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th Street, N.W. Info: 639-1770.

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The Editor Gives Thanks, Part 2

Thank You, Advertisers

First off, a belated tip of the hat to all the fine firms which advertised in the News during the last year. Many have supported the paper over the years, such as Watergate Gallery, Tom Murphy, Watergate Salon, Caroline Coates, Columbia Plaza Valet, Winston & Winston, The Landmark, Jack Olender, Melrose Hotel, Suzanne Foss, 600 Restaurant, Watergate Wine, The River Inn, Thomas House, Blackie's Restaurant, and The Shops at 2000 Penn (which not only ran a large ad monthly but paid in advance, saving a lot of time and postage!). The News also appreciated the support of the churches in Foggy Bottom: Western Presbyterian, United Church, St. Stephen Martyr and St. Paul's. We are also grateful to others which supported the paper and the neighborhood by advertising from time to time.

Thank You to Fabulous Folks

The officers of the Foggy Bottom Association, and its Board members, definitely merit a loud round of applause. It's been a busy year (and next year doesn't look that much better!). President Ron Cocome, ably assisted by VP Barbara Spillinger, led the way through issue after issue. Mike Malloy recorded our actions; Bob Vogt kept the books and resources in "fine fettle" once again; and Ed Gable ably handled membership matters.

We cannot forget other Board members; Joe Chaplick, Elizabeth Elliott, Dawn Gustafson, Thalia Johnson and Sol Shalit. The beloved Lucille Molinelli, while limited in mobility, remained involved, and Jacqueline Lemire looked after FBA's public relations. Kudos to all!

And to Steve Timlin, tireless Foggy Bottom T-shirt supplier. Steve took on this avocation some years ago.

ANC Chair Dorothy Miller continued her role as "Foggy Bottom Watchdog." The other commissioners, James Lewis, David Lehrman,

and especially Richard Price who ably presided at meetings, performed more than their "civic duty" during the year. Maria Tyler's illness kept her physically absent but not in spirit.

Other contributors to our neighborhood: the staff of the West End Library under the direction of Barbara Kubinski; the St. Mary's Court staff for hosting meetings and events; the Melrose Hotel for hosting FBA's monthly meetings so efficiently; the River Inn where the Executive Board met; and the State Plaza which welcomed ANC meetings.

There were also several contributors to the look of the neighborhood. Among them is the Plaza Condominium on 25th Street which regularly tends to two large grassy areas nearby which belong to the city; to Harold Talisman, Bob and Norrene Vogt, and John Marget who tend to the triangle at 24th & I Streets. Bob and Norrene Vogt also did yeoman service as protectors of the 26th Street Park.

And we can't forget Mel Maeda, who lovingly tends a small city triangle on I Street,

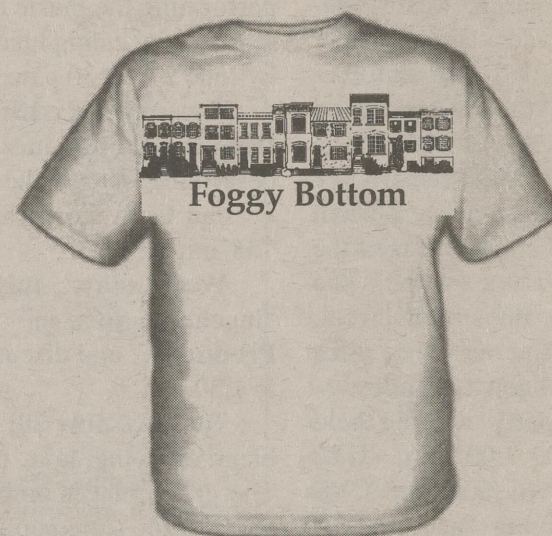
and who is "religious" in his efforts to keep the GW Hospital on the straight and narrow.

And a special thanks to John Kelly of *The Washington Post* for his June 22 column about yours truly. And to Rita who gave him the idea.

Special Thanks to Prince Bandar

And we are indebted to the Saudi Arabian Ambassador Prince Bandar Bin Zulfatan for his generous gift of two dozen white flowering

crepe myrtle trees. They are being planted in the median strip on New Hampshire Avenue between the Embassy and the Watergate. That strip was recently restored to green space and was sodded by the Department of Transportation which has jurisdiction and has promised to mow and water it. In addition to the trees, zoysia plugs are being installed which eventually may spread and replace the high-growing grass in the strip.



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Thanks, Ellie!



Foggy Bottom News

The Executive Board of the Foggy Bottom Association and its members gratefully acknowledge and thank you for your dedication to making the Foggy Bottom News a valuable asset of our Association and our community for the past 15 years. We will miss the insight you brought to reporting on issues related to the neighborhood as well as your integrity and hard work as the Editor of the Foggy Bottom News. However, we look forward to your continued involvement in assuring that Foggy Bottom remains a viable residential neighborhood.